



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"People will remember us more by what we did than what we had."

Is Your Legacy Dynamite?

For some reason, I have several wooden dynamite boxes in my basement. They are labeled with warning signs and ICC-14 on them. I don't know how they got there. (Oh, don't worry. They are now used to store safe items.) Does anyone know if the Red Cross marking on them means danger or safe to use (see below)? It would not be good to think it had medical supplies inside. These boxes also had names of Du Pont, National Powder Company and Independent Explosive Company. I looked up these companies and found:

Du Pont stopped its commercial explosive business in 1974. National Powder Company operated up to the early 1980's in Eldred, PA. It is interesting to visit [their website](#) and read the stories of their explosions and history. It is terrible how many people died from accidents just making this product. [Independent Explosives Co.](#) of Pittston, PA is now one of just three remaining producers of dynamite in the country. Independent still makes 100,000 sticks of dynamite a day in much the same way it has for 50 years.

Dr. Alfred Nobel was the inventor of dynamite. In 1867, he demonstrated his explosive for the first time at a quarry in Surrey England. He considered naming the powerful substance "Nobel's Safety Powder". The powder was meant to help in mining but the military soon used it as a weapon of death. In 1888, Alfred's brother died by an explosion at one of their factories. The newspaper thought it was him and stated "Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday." (See [Wikipedia.org](#)) Many shouted "The killer is dead." This incorrect obituary greatly disturbed Dr. Nobel. He decided to change the kind of legacy he was making. In 1895, he signed his last will and testament and set aside 94% of his estate to establish the [Nobel Prizes](#).

I recently officiated at a Memorial Service. I only met the departed a few times so I met with friends and relatives to do a proper eulogy. This process made me think what people would say about me when I depart? What would my obituary say? What would be on my tomb stone? What is the legacy I am leaving? But more important what will God say regarding how I lived my life? A few months ago, I was minutes from dying and knowing.

While you are still living, it is not too later to turn your life and your legacy around.

What will people say your legacy was:



destructive or constructive?

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What will God
say about your
legacy and life?

"So then every
one of us shall
give account of
himself to God."
Rom. 14:12

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